



**WELCOME TO
A+ ARTS ACADEMY**



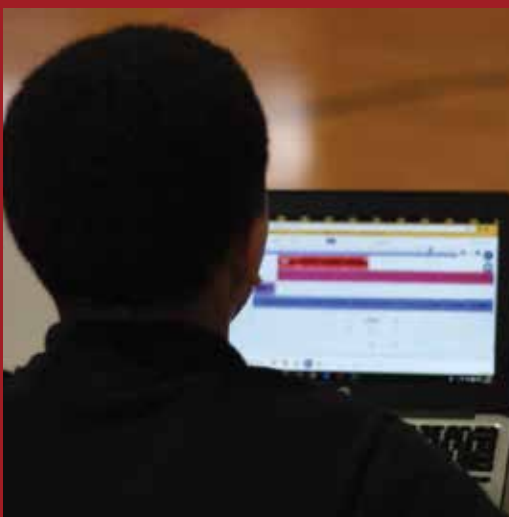
**YOUR GUIDE TO
KINDERGARTEN READINESS**

ABOUT A+ ARTS

Welcome to A+ Arts Academy! We are excited to serve our families in Columbus and the surrounding area. We are pleased to announce that we have begun kindergarten enrollment for next school year at our Fair and Maybury campuses!

We focus on scholar success with core academic classes, dedicated teachers and staff, and small class sizes. In addition to mathematics, language arts, social studies and science, we offer our students the opportunity to explore the world of art through ceramics, drawing, painting, photography, drama, choir, band, dance, flags, and other means of artistic expression.

At A+ Arts, Our ultimate vision is that our scholars master key academic skills, and demonstrate strong character, as exhibited by: honesty, service to others, a superior work ethic, and a strong vision for and belief in their futures. We believe that with the right education, all children can fulfill their tremendous innate potential.





WHY CHOOSE A+ ARTS?



**Tuition-Free,
Arts-Enhanced
Education**



**Free iPads &
Chromebooks***

*available while supplies last



**Dedicated
Teachers &
Staff**



**Weekly Meal
Distributions
for Families**



**Free Summer
Learning
Program**



WAYS TO PREPARE

Children learn many new skills during the kindergarten experience. Below is a list of activities and tactics that you and your child can work on together to better prepare them for when they start school.

- + Say body parts
- + Learn names of immediate family
- + Say phone number & address
- + Visit public places like parks & libraries
- + Initiate frequent social interaction
- + Teach acceptable ways to disagree
- + Play that teaches hand-eye coordination
- + Encourage work values (effort, persistence, initiative)
- + Recognize basic shapes
- + Count from 0-10
- + Say (not sing) the ABC's
- + Talk positively about school
- + Encourage physical activity everyday
- + Establish reasonable limits on behavior
- + Read to them & discuss the story
- + Encourage social values (helpfulness, cooperation, sharing)



ESSENTIAL SKILLS CHECKLISTS

Intellectual: Does your child...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hold a book upright and turn pages left to right? | <input type="checkbox"/> Recognize at least ten letters of the alphabet? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tell and retell familiar stories? | <input type="checkbox"/> Know colors, shapes, and sizes? |

Social: Can your child...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Listen to an adult & follow simple instructions? | <input type="checkbox"/> Play with other children without hitting or biting? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sit for short periods of time? | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperate with other children? |

Personal: Without help, can your child...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tie their own shoes? | <input type="checkbox"/> Eat with silverware unassisted? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snap, button, zip, & buckle? | <input type="checkbox"/> Wash their hands? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recognize their own possessions? | <input type="checkbox"/> Blow their nose & cover a sneeze? |

Health: Has your child...

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Had all required immunizations? | <input type="checkbox"/> Developed a regular meal schedule? |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Had a recent health check-up? | <input type="checkbox"/> Learned to run, skip, jump, climb? |



READING

Prior to kindergarten, children typically learn the concepts of reading through games and activities. Many of these skills are learned through modeling.



Recognize spaces between words



Identify the different types of punctuation



Recognize upper and lower case letters



MATH

The development of number concepts—classifying, ordering, counting and time and space relationships—is directly related to children's ability to perform mathematical tasks throughout their school years and the rest of their life.



Observe page numbers



Compare sizes: big, little, middle



Observe position in space: up/down, under/over, in/out, beside/between



SCIENCE

As children mature, they become more curious about their environment and begin to interact with their surroundings. This is the best time to introduce them to science. Rich sensory experiences (seeing, tasting, touching, hearing, and smelling) can help children become even more observant about the world around them.



Observe what is happening



Predict what might happen



Try to make sense of observations

THE BASICS

Set your child up for academic growth and success before they start kindergarten by discussing and reviewing the basic principles of reading, math and science listed above.





TESTIMONIALS



"When you invest in scholars and create great schools and great opportunities, it changes generations."

Earl Martin Phalen

*Founder & CEO,
Phalen Leadership Academies*

"I really enjoy the school and like the curriculum. This is my daughter's first year and we have had very positive experiences with her teachers. They are wonderful and take the time to assess and adequately address all issues. My daughter really likes the after school program and it has helped get her back to being interested and physically involved. I wish I had found A+ Arts Academy two years ago!"

Parent Testimonial



"We use so much data because it makes the learning concrete. The students can see exactly what they know and what areas they need to work. Their parents are able to see exactly what they know and what they need to work on. It makes it so much clearer for us to plan our instruction."

Teacher Testimonial

"For two years, our daughter's personality was stifled by a negative environment at her previous school. Since coming to A+ Arts Academy, she has flourished socially and finally feels accepted by her peers. She is involved in many of the electives and after school programs. She has always been an excellent student, but now she is a well-rounded person and we absolutely love the change in her."

Parent Testimonial



Dear Parents,

Kindergarten is a major turning point in the lives of children and parents alike. Early school experiences have lasting effects on a child's attitude about school, their self-esteem and future achievements. Fortunately, the best person to ensure that your children arrive at school ready to succeed is you! Allow us to partner with you on this new journey at A+ Arts Academy. We truly love our scholars and we believe in their ability to achieve. We hope that you find this information helpful and decide to join us at our Fair or Maybury campus. We look forward to welcoming you!

Sincerely,

Earl Martin Phalen

Earl Martin Phalen, Founder & CEO,
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Academies

To Kindergarten and Beyond at A+ Arts Academy!



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